

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SUFFOLK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,  
RECREATION AND CONSERVATION  
MINUTES OF JULY 15, 2010  
INDIAN ISLAND COUNTY CLUB, RIVERHEAD, NY**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Miles Borden	Trustee, Town of Smithtown
Gregory Dawson	Vice Chairman, Town of Islip
Amy Engel	Member of the Board
Scott Hilary	Trustee, Town of Southold
Richard Hollborn	Trustee, Town of Babylon
Dawn Hopkins	Trustee, Town of Brookhaven
Bill Shilling	Member of the Board
William B. Sickles	Trustee, Town of Southampton
Richard F. White, Jr.	Trustee, Town of East Hampton

**ABSENT**

Gil Cardillo	Chairman, Town of Riverhead
Alexander McKay	Trustee, Town of Huntington

**PARKS DEPARTMENT**

Joseph J. Montuori	Commissioner
Tracey Bellone	Deputy Commissioner
Tony Trotta	Superintendent
Nick Gibbons	Principal Environmental Analyst
Terry Maccarrone	Coordinator of Community Based Programs
Ann Rothenberg	Assistant to the Commissioner

**GUESTS**

Pamela Greene	Director, Division of Real Property Acquisitions and Mgmt.
Janet Longo	Acquisitions Supervisor, Division of Real Property, Acquisitions and Mgmt.
Tom Young	County Attorney's Office

Vice Chairman Dawson called the meeting to order.

**PUBLIC PORTION**

There was one member of the public present. He did not wish to speak.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**A motion to accept the minutes was made by Trustee Borden and seconded by Trustee Hollborn. The minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 9-0-0.**

## **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Montuori reported on the following:

- Bergen Point Golf Course  
We have received some complaints about Bergen Point Golf Course regarding balls going over the net. We will be meeting with the neighbors next week.
- Long Island Maritime Museum  
The LIMM Board decided to go forward with Bradstock again this year. We intend to have a meeting to discuss how we can improve this event.
- July 4<sup>th</sup> Weekend  
The July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend was great. Our beaches were busy and attendance was the same as last year.
- Rogers House  
There has been no movement. Right now it is on hold. This is the house where Helen Keller stayed for 2 weeks one summer.
- Early Retirement Incentive  
The County Executive is offering early retirement. We will probably lose five people, but no one has submitted their paperwork yet.
- Fishing Pier  
The progress at the fishing pier is moving along.
- Cupsogue Beach  
Lightning hit the ground and 2 people were injured. They are doing well.

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

None.

## **ROUND TABLE**

Deputy Commissioner Bellone reported that she updated Trustee White on the capital money for Third House. We should schedule a meeting with Ron Glogg, Bill Akin, Richard Martin and Trustee White to determine how we should proceed. Some money can be raised through the Parks Foundation to make up the shortfall. Trustee White said they were considering having a fundraiser, but would like to know where the money is most needed. Deputy Commissioner Bellone suggested they meet August 19<sup>th</sup> prior to the Trustees meeting.

Terry Maccarrone reported:

- Progress at the fishing pier is moving along well. The decking is down; the posts for the side rails are up.
- The electrical upgrade installation at Smith Point has been completed.

- Cashen Associates has finished the design of the electrical upgrade of each tower at each campsite at Smith Point. Their final design is being reviewed by DPW because we asked them to add a toll gate to be east booth. Once that is done, it can go out for bid.
- The GATR Site Maintenance Facility is almost complete and looks good.
- DPW is still working on the plans for the Cupsogue boardwalk. They are reviewing the plans that we provided.

Nick Gibbons reported we pulled up the fencing in Montauk on July 3<sup>rd</sup> (prior to the Triathlon) because there was no plover activity.

Nick Gibbons reported that the Roe Avenue Dog Run has a seasonal restriction on it for bird nesting. We have not had bird nesting there for 8 or 9 years, but we happened to have nesting this year. The birds failed so they were done by July 1<sup>st</sup>. The fencing was removed last week so the dog run is open again.

Trustee Shilling asked if there have been any alternative locations discussed for the Trap and Skeet Range.

Deputy Commissioner Bellone responded that the Committee made some recommendations on a specific location. At this point the County is continuing to operate at the current location.

Trustee Hollborn, who is serving on the RFP Committee for the Smith Point Beach Concession, took a ride to Smith Point County Park to review the area.

Trustee Hilary asked about the status of the expired contract between Parks and Ducks Unlimited. The individual at Ducks Unlimited who was working on that has since retired. Nick Gibbons responded the contract has been expired for some time. We were aware that Craig Kessler was retiring and we are not sure what presence the organization will have on Long Island going forward. Legislator Vilorio-Fisher introduced a resolution for Parks to enter into a new agreement with Ducks Unlimited. The current status is that Ducks Unlimited has to provide some background information to demonstrate what the benefit would be to our department. They have done that and those documents are being incorporated into a draft document. Going forward we are operating just as we have in the absence of an agreement.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 19<sup>th</sup> at the Scully Estate in Islip, New York.

**A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee White and seconded by Trustee Hopkins. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 9-0-0**